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All Streams and Projects
Use of Flood Control System
for Transit Purposes

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Attention Mr. Harry Johnson
Management Audits Division

Dear Mr. Hufford:

Our view of the Sunset Coast Line proposal as it relates to our facilities and activities is as follows.

We have been involved in the development of data and the review of many proposals over the years for using the flood control system for transit purposes. These investigations have provided us with many opportunities to think through the various opportunities and problems.

Among the significant conclusions we have reached is that the existing flood control rights of way are compatible with a number of the transit proposals. There appears to be no inherent reason why a transit system could not successfully occupy a portion of the right of way. Such problems as are introduced would appear to be well within the capability of solution by normal engineering, right-of-way, and operating practice.

To be compatible, a transportation system must meet the following conditions:

1. Any transportation proposal must be planned so that it does not conflict with the prime use of the flood control facility, especially if access points, stations, or other facilities have to be constructed within our rights of way.
2. The matter of liability must be suitably apportioned between the District and the transportation agency.
3. Safety considerations must be satisfied, especially if any of the concepts use the bottoms of the channels since they are subject to sudden and sometimes unpredictable flood flows.

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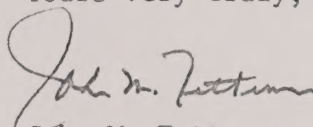
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4. Where the District owns fee right of way, a suitable easement must be purchased by the transportation agency. Where the District's rights of way are not held in fee title (as an example, on substantial portions of the Los Angeles River, there are only flood control easements), there is a possibility that the transportation agency would have to acquire rights from the underlying fee owner.
5. The transportation use of District facilities should not create significant new noise or dust problems for adjoining property owners. Environmental mitigation measures would have to be included if the existing conditions were to be worsened. Existing recreational and utility corridor uses of the rights of way must be provided for and reasonable provisions must be made for future uses of these types.
6. While not a problem in itself, portions of channels are constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and are under the jurisdiction of that agency. The Corps' approval and/or concurrence would have to be obtained for any proposals affecting channels under its jurisdiction.

Yours very truly,



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